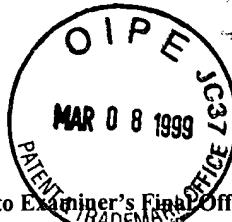


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated January 5, 1999, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. ~~4.~~ (amended) An apparatus for chemically and mechanically planarizing a surface of a [workpiece] silicon wafer comprising:

a compressible non-cellular lapping surface;

[workpiece] silicon wafer mounting means for mounting said [workpiece] silicon wafer to expose said [workpiece] silicon wafer surface to said lapping surface;

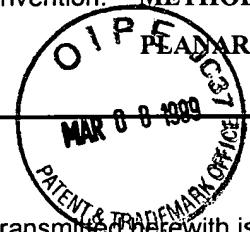
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